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To Whom it May Concern:

Regarding the Microsoft Settlement, as a recent purchaser of a new computer preloaded with Microsoft XP, I believe that MS has gone too far in automating updates from my personal computer to their system. I see the XP software, attempting to contact MS every time that I am on the internet. I firmly believe that the software should have been designed to request my explicit permission before sending information regarding my personal machine.

Furthermore, I think that MS's exclusive and proprietary relationships are not in my best interest, and prevent the further innovation of many independent software developers. It was very clear to me when loading other software on my XP system, which vendors had not paid the price for MS's exclusive arrangements and were suffering from the dramatic negative messages that I received when trying to load "unapproved" software.

If I had known the nature of XP when purchasing my new computer, I would have insisted at the time that the manufacturer supply me with another operating system.

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